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In re application of:

## Blatter

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For: STAPLE AND ANVIL ANASTOMOSIS SYSTEM

Examiner: Julian W. Woo

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## SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**Please amend the above-identified application as follows:**

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.**

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